Response under Austerity Drive launched by Prime Minister

1913. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister launched an austerity drive by announcing a 10 per cent cut in his salary, appealing other to follow suite;

(b) if so, what is the total response received so far including from MPs and Central Ministers; and

(c) what is the likely annual saving in expenditure accurable to the exchequer as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Compensation to Tamil Nadu for Loss on Account of Prohibition

1914. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamil Nadu Government has been deprived of Rs. 200 crores for the current financial year; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not compensating the loss of Tamil Nadu since cheap liquor shops have been abolished?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) and (b) Government of Tamil Nadu has been requesting the Central Government to compensate the State for full loss of revenue on account of introduction of prohibition in the State in the current financial year. The State's request has not been agreed to as the Ninth Finance Commission, has already taken into account the estimated loss, to the extent of 70% suffered by the State on account of prohibition while assessing the resources of the State for the period 1990-91 to 1994-95. The recommendations of the Commission have already been accepted; are in force and cannot be re-opened. There is no scheme which provides for compensating the State for loss of revenue on account of probhition. The State Government has been informed.

Foreign Assistance to Projects in Kerala

1915. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the projects in Kerala, which are likely to receive financial assistance by foreign countries;

(b) the projects, which are likely to be assisted by various financial institutions such as E.E.C., U.S.A.I.D. and countries like Japan, Denmark, French, Switzerland, U.K., Canada, C.I.S., Hungary etc.; and

(c) the projects in Kerala, which are being assisted presently by these countries and organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The donor countries normally offer assistance in terms of an overall pledge. Thereafter aid negotiations, as a continuous process, are held with each donor country for various project and non-project needs of the economy. The details of the projects which are likely to receive financial assistance by foreign countries are known only after the agreements with donor countries are finalised.

(c) Information is given in the Statement attached.

Statement

Names of the projects in Kerala which are being assisted presently by the foreign countries I organisations

S. No.	Names of the projects
1.	Kerala Social Forestry.
2.	Kerala Fisheries Prawn Culture Development.
3.	Dairy Development Project, Kerala.
4.	Kerala Rainfed Farming Development.
5.	Kerala Horticulture Development.